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In re Application of: )  
Kazuhiko Matsui et al. )  
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For Magnetic Head with Medium Sliding )  
Surface Having Varied Curvature )  
and Recording/Reproducing )  
Apparatus )

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Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 4-28509 discloses similarities that a leading edge of a sliding surface is ground obliquely and Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Application Publication No. 62,18812 discloses a curvature of the sliding surface.

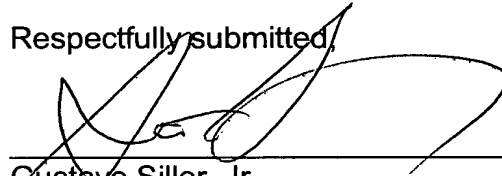
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	6,271,990 B2	8/2001	Katsuya Kikuri		

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO
	A2	4-289509	10/1992	JP		X (partial)	
	A3	62-18812	02/1987	JP		X (Partial)	

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